

מסכת
סוּפָה
 דף ה'

DAF YOMI4 Kids

Inside the Daf

As long as a סוּפָה was built to provide shade (and not, for example, for privacy) the סוּפָה is valid. A סוּפָה does not even need to be built by someone who is obligated in the מצוּה of living in a סוּפָה!

The גמרא gives an acronym of גנב"ך which stands for four types of people whose סוכות are כָּשֵׁר (valid) even though they are not commanded to live in a סוכה.

גוֹיִם - Non-Jews



For example if a non-Jew builds a סוּפָה to provide shade for himself during the summer.

נָשִׁים - Women



For example, women used to weave clothing in shaded outdoor huts to keep cool.

בְּהֵמָה - Animal



A סוּפָה built to give shade to animals is כָּשֵׁר for fulfilling the מצוּה (commandment) of סוּפָה.

כוּתֵּיִם - Cutheans



This is an ancient group of converts who converted to Judaism out of fear. They were later found to be worshipping idols.

Did You Know...

A circular סוּפָה can be כָּשֵׁר (valid). As long as a square 7 טפחים (about 24.5 in, or 63 cm) by 7 טפחים can fit inside the circle. This is because the minimum size a סוּפָה may be is 7X7 טפחים.

WORD OF THE DAY:

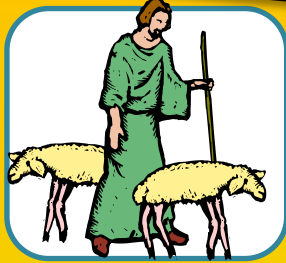
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"TO INCLUDE"

Different Booths

Even structures that are made to be moved from place to place may be valid סוכות, so long as they were built to provide shade. The גמרא gives four examples of these structures which can be remembered by the acronym ר.ק.ב"ש. The letters stand for the huts of the following people:

רועים - Shepherds



Shepherds watching flocks of animals would sit in huts to protect themselves from the sun.

קניצים - Fig Watchers



People who watch over figs spread in the field to dry would have huts to provide them with shade.

בורגנין - City Watchmen



These people would sit in temporary booths while performing their duty.

שומרי פירות - Produce Watchers



Guards who would watch over the produce of fields would sit in small huts. Since the produce would be eventually taken in from the field, these huts were temporary.

A Moment מְדוּת

Andy was fifteen minutes late coming home. As soon as he got inside, he was scalded by his mother. "Andrew, why are you late? Where were you?" "I was just walking home with Uriel," said Andy. "He's walks a bit slower than I do." "Well that explains it," his mother huffed. "Everyone knows that Uriel boy is always late for everything. He takes nothing seriously. And why do

you spend time with that Jonathan kid? His marks in school are so poor he's bound to be a bad influence on you." Andy sulked his head and went down the hall to his room. His father had been listening to the goings on. He decided to say something to Andy's mom. "I think you may be judging these kids too harshly," he said. "Four different types of סוכות in today's

גמרא (גנביד) all have a flaw in them – but they are still all כִּשְׁר! We, too, all have flaws but we are all still Hashem's children. Consider that next time you criticize someone for being less-than-perfect!"

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Games

WHICH WORD DOESN'T BELONG?

- 1) גנב"ה, רבק"ש, יקנ"ז
- 2) Non-Jews, Cutheans, Shepherds
- 3) שומרי פירות, קניצים, בורגנין
- 4) בורגנין, שומרי פירות, רועים
- 5) Animal, Women, City Watchman

Review Questions – סוכה דף ח'

1. List four types of סוכות that are valid even though they are built by people not commanded in the סוכה commandment.

2. List four types of סוכות that are valid even though they are built to be moved.

3. When is a circular סוכה valid?
